

FCC Commissioners
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the FCC's proposal to relax the restrictions on the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

There is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will not only increase tension among passengers, it will compromise flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency. Cell phone use could also enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively.

Given that planes are cramped, crowded, and often full of cranky people, this proposal is a terrible idea. I fail to see its merits, but I do see how the noise of people talking on cell phones will prevent other passengers from watching movies, listening to music, or reading in peace. The noise will likely wake babies and agitate children as well. The behavior of these young passengers determines the relative quiet of the entire cabin.

Traveling is stressful as it is, but allowing cell phone use will truly ruin it for all passengers except the ones shouting the loudest into their phones. In an environment where flight attendants and even passengers occasionally have to restrain unruly passengers, inviting more conflict is simply senseless.

Please leave the current rules in effect.

Sincerely,

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